Please cancel all pending claims and replace with the following new claims:

Listing of Claims:

1-72. (Cancelled)

73. **(New)** A system for managing distribution of viewable data objects, the system comprising:

a plurality of local servers, each local server storing a selection of viewable data objects and being in communication with at least one of a plurality of viewer receivers;

a plurality of storage servers, each storage server being in communication with selected ones of the local servers, each storage server being configured to store a set of viewable data objects that includes the selection of viewable data objects;

a content manager in communication with the storage servers and with the local servers, the content manager being configured to automatically cause selected viewable data objects to be provided to servers in anticipation of expected demand for the selected viewable data objects, the servers being selected from the group consisting of the local servers and the storage servers.

74. **(New)** The system of claim **73**, wherein the content manager is configured to move the selected viewable data objects from a first server to a second server, the first and second servers being selected from the group consisting of the local servers and the storage servers.

75. **(New)** The system of claim **73**, wherein the each of the local servers is adapted to transmit a viewable data object to a viewer receiver selected from a group consisting of a television and a personal computer.

76. **(New)** The system of claim **73**, wherein each of the local servers is configured

to detect that a first viewable data object has a lower priority than a second viewable data object; and

to delete the first viewable data object to free space to store the second viewable data object.

77. **(New)** The system of claim **73**, wherein the content manager is configured to define a logical grouping of viewable data objects and to manage the logical grouping as a single unit.

78. **(New)** The system of claim **73**, wherein the content manager is adapted to control work queues for video data objects stored on the local servers.

79. **(New)** The system of claim **73**

wherein each of the local servers is in two-way communication with at least one viewer receiver, thereby providing interactive communication between the viewer receiver and the local server.

80. **(New)** The system of claim **73**, wherein the content manager is configured to dynamically update access to the viewable data object in response to an occurrence of an event.

81. **(New)** The system of claim **73**, wherein the content manager is configured to adaptively control distribution of viewable data objects among the servers on the basis of a property associated with each of the viewable data objects.

82. **(New)** The system of claim **81**, wherein the content manager is configured to selectively alter the property.

83. **(New)** The system of claim **82**, wherein the content manager is configured to selectively alter the property on the basis of viewer statistics collected from a local server.

84. **(New)** The system of claim **82**, wherein the content manager is configured to selectively alter the property on the basis of viewer statistics collected from all available local servers and all available storage servers.

85. **(New)** The system of claim **81**, wherein the content manager is configured to selectively

alter the property on the basis of a state of the viewable data object.

86. **(New)** The system of claim **81**, wherein the property is based on a priority assigned to the viewable data object.

87. **(New)** The system of claim **86**, wherein the priority is assigned on the basis of properties of a local server designated to receive the viewable data object.

88. **(New)** The system of claim **86**, wherein the priority is assigned on the basis of content of the viewable data object.

89. **(New)** The system of claim **81**, wherein the property comprises revenue associated with viewing of the viewable data object.

90. **(New)** The system of claim **81**, wherein the property comprises a measured popularity of the viewable data object.

91. **(New)** The system of claim **81**, wherein the property comprises an anticipated popularity of the viewable data object.

92. **(New)** The system of claim **73**, wherein the content manager comprises a distributed processing system.

93. **(New)** The system of claim **73**, wherein the content manager is integrated into the storage server.

94. **(New)** The system of claim **73**, further comprising a streaming control process in communication with a local server selected from the plurality of local servers, the streaming control process selectively granting a viewer control over streaming of a viewable data object.

95. **(New)** The system of claim **94**, wherein the streaming control process is configured to selectively grant a viewer control over streaming of the viewable data object on the basis of meta-data associated with the viewable data object.

96. **(New)** The system of claim **94**, wherein the streaming control process is configured to selectively grant a viewer control over streaming of the viewable data object in response to instructions from the content manager.

97. **(New)** The system of claim **73**, wherein the content manager is in direct communication with at least one of the local servers.

98. **(New)** The system of claim **73**, wherein the content manager is in communication with at least one of the local servers by way of the storage server.

99. **(New)** A network to provide viewable data objects to televisions, the network comprising:

a plurality of local servers to store viewable data objects, each of the local servers being configured to transmit a particular viewable data object to a television selected from a set of televisions in response to receiving a request from the selected television;

a plurality of storage servers, each storage server being coupled to distribute viewable data objects to local servers, each storage server being responsive to demands of televisions connected to the local servers; and

a content manager in communication with the storage servers and with the local servers, the content manager being configured to distribute viewable data objects among the local servers and storage servers in anticipation of expected demand for the viewable data objects by the televisions.

100. **(New)** A method for managing distribution of viewable data objects, the method comprising:

storing a plurality of selections of viewable data objects on each of a corresponding plurality of local servers;

storing a plurality of sets of viewable data objects on each of a corresponding plurality

of storage servers, each storage server being in communication with at least one of the local servers, the plurality of sets including the plurality of selections; and

automatically managing distribution of viewable data objects among the local servers and the storage servers.

101. **(New)** The method of claim **100**, wherein automatically managing distribution of viewable data objects comprises adaptively controlling distribution of the viewable data objects among the storage servers and the local servers on the basis of a property associated with each of the viewable data objects.

102. **(New)** The method of claim **101**, further comprising selectively altering the property associated with each of the viewable data objects.

103. **(New)** The method of claim **102**, wherein selectively altering the property associated with each of the viewable data objects comprises altering the property on the basis of viewer statistics collected from the local servers.

104. **(New)** The method of claim **102**, wherein selectively altering the property associated with each of the viewable data objects comprises altering the property on the basis of viewer statistics collected from the local servers and the storage servers.

105. **(New)** The method of claim **102**, wherein selectively altering the property associated with each of the viewable data comprises altering the property on the basis of a state of the viewable data object.

106. **(New)** The method of claim **101**, further comprising basing the property associated with the viewable data object on a priority assigned to the viewable data object.

107. **(New)** The method of claim **106**, further comprising assigning the priority to the viewable data object on the basis of properties of a local server designated to receive the viewable data object.

108. **(New)** The method of claim **106**, further comprising assigning priority to the viewable data object on the basis of content of the viewable data object.

109. **(New)** The method of claim **100**, further comprising assigning the property associated with the viewable data object on the basis of revenue associated with viewing of the viewable data object.

110. **(New)** The method of claim **100**, further comprising assigning the property associated with the viewable data object on the basis of a measured popularity of the viewable data object.

111. **(New)** The method of claim **100**, further comprising assigning the property associated with the viewable data object on the basis of an anticipated popularity of the viewable data object.

112. **(New)** The method of claim **100**, further comprising transmitting a viewable data object to a viewer receiver selected from a group consisting of a television and a personal computer.

113. **(New)** The method of claim **100**, wherein storing a plurality of selections of viewable data objects on each local server comprises:

detecting that a first viewable data object has a lower priority than a second viewable data object; and

deleting the first viewable data object to free space to store the second viewable data object.

114. **(New)** The method of claim **100**, further comprising defining a logical grouping of viewable data objects, and managing the logical grouping as a single unit.

115. **(New)** The method of claim **100**, further comprising selectively granting control over streaming of the viewable data object.

116. **(New)** The method of claim **115**, wherein selectively granting control over streaming of the viewable data object comprises granting control at least in part on the basis of meta-data associated with the viewable data object.

117. **(New)** The method of claim **115**, wherein selectively granting control over streaming comprises granting control in response to instructions from the content manager.

118. **(New)** The method of claim **100**, further comprising controlling work queues for video data objects stored on the local servers.

119. **(New)** The method of claim **100**, further comprising providing two-way communication with the viewer receiver, thereby enabling interactive communication with the viewer receiver.

120. **(New)** The method of claim **100**, wherein automatically controlling access by the viewer receiver to a viewable data object comprises dynamically updating access to the viewable data object in response to an occurrence of an event.

121. **(New)** A method of distributing viewable data objects, the method comprising:

in response to a preselected event, selecting viewable data objects from a pool of viewable data objects;

transmitting the viewable data objects to local servers, the viewable data objects being selected in response to different priorities of the local servers for viewable data object content; and

sending the viewable data objects from the local servers to viewer receivers in communication with the local servers.

122. **(New)** The method of claim **121**, wherein sending the viewable data objects comprises sending the viewable data objects in response to requests from the viewer receivers.

123. **(New)** The method of claim **121**, wherein selecting viewable data objects comprises selecting viewable data objects on the basis of operations data received from the local servers.

124. **(New)** The method of claim **121**, further comprising:

sending a list of available viewable data objects to a local server; and

selecting viewable data objects in response to receiving the list and to priorities for data object content at the local server.

125. **(New)** The method of claim **121**, further comprising:

receiving a request for a viewable data object from a viewer receiver; and

selecting viewable data objects in response to receiving the request.

126. **(New)** The method of claim **121**, further comprising:

transmitting meta-data to the local servers; and

receiving a request for a viewable data object from a viewer receiver in response to streaming a portion of the meta-data to the viewer receiver.

127. **(New)** The method of claim **121**, wherein selecting viewable data objects includes calculating a delay at least in part on the basis of operations data from a local server; and

wherein transmitting viewable data objects is performed after the delay ends; and wherein the method further comprises:

storing a portion of the viewable data objects in storage space of a local server, the storage space having been freed at the end of the delay.